

UPDATED CAMPAIGN FINANCE CALENDAR INFORMATION

Good Afternoon Candidates and Treasurers.

On March 25, 2020, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill (H.B.) 197 and Governor DeWine signed it into law on March 27, 2020. The legislation contains many provisions concerning Ohio's response to Coronavirus/COVID-19, including changes to the 2020 Primary Election and accordingly, certain campaign finance deadlines. Please note that the provisions are uncodified/temporary law and will not appear in the Ohio Revised Code and therefore, only apply to the 2020 Primary Election. As such, there are two important campaign finance updates to be aware.

First, the deadline for the Post-Primary report has been changed from April 24 to June 5, 2020 for all candidates that are appearing on the 2020 Primary Election ballot and those other committees that received contributions or made expenditures to influence the results of the election. The Post-Primary Report will disclose activity through May 29, 2020. You may find a copy of the updated campaign finance calendar here: 2020 Campaign Finance Calendar.

Second, for those committees subject to Ohio's contributions limits found in R.C. 3517.102, the date of the Primary Election shall be March 17, 2020.

In addition, we are working hard to make sure Ohioans are aware of the opportunity to vote-by-mail in the 2020 primary election. We hope you will consider sharing information from a social media toolkit we have put together by clicking this link.

Our staff continues to work remotely, so please feel free to reach out to us at (614) 466-3111 with any questions and we will respond promptly. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

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